

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OFFICIAL.

MONDAY, October 24, 1922.

The board of supervisors met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman. Roll called. Quorum present.

A communication was read from the state highway commissioner recommending that each township supervisor fill out a blank to be furnished by the commission, and when completed forward the same to its secretary.

On motion of Mr. Gill the action of this board in referring a former communication from said commission to a special committee and giving said committee until the January session to report, was rescinded.

Mr. Gill moved that the communication just read be referred to the same special committee with instructions to report thereon at this session.

Mr. Skeels moved as a substitute that the communication be received and the recommendations therein contained concurred in by the board. Carried.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Ulrich the same was adopted, a majority of the members elect voting therefor:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee on finance to whom was referred the statements of the clerks of the different townships of the county of the amount of moneys to be raised by tax in said township, herewith present to the board a compiled statement of the several amounts and recommend that it be referred to a committee consisting of the supervisors of the different townships of the county for such corrections as may be found necessary.

Your committee further recommend that the supervisors of such townships in this county as have fractional school districts with other townships in adjoining counties, be hereby authorized to apportion the school tax of any such school district with the supervisors of such townships, and when apportioned to place the same upon the rolls of their townships.

Respectfully submitted,
S. T. COLSON,
WILLIAM F. O'LEARY,
E. C. WOODWORTH,
Committee on Finance.

On the resolution offered by Mr. Gill on October 13th instant, is endorsed the following report:

We hereby recommend the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

H. O. SCHERMEHORN,
JOSEPH HOLLEN,
FREDMAN LATHROP,
Committee on Rejected Taxes.

Mr. Cogshall moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. Skeels moved as a substitute that the subject matter be referred back to the committee with instructions to consult in relation thereto with the prosecuting attorney and also to obtain the opinion of the city attorney of the city of Grand Rapids thereon, if the same can be had without expense to Kent county. Carried.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Loomis the same was adopted, a majority of the members elect voting therefor.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—It appears in this case that the petitioner, A. B. Wykes, was erroneously assessed the sum of \$3 by reason of the fact that the city supervisors, or all whom it concerned, changed their original plan for assessing bank stock for that year, and this change did not come to the knowledge of the supervisor of the fourth ward until it seemed too late to change the assessment.

We recommend that the supervisor of the fourth ward be directed to spread the amount of \$3 upon the tax roll of that ward and when collected that the same be paid to the said A. B. Wykes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. FROST,
Supervisor of Fourth Ward.

H. O. SCHERMEHORN,
JOSEPH HOLLEN,
FREDMAN LATHROP,
Committee on Rejected Taxes.

A report was read from David W. Davay, deputy game warden, relative to the work performed by him as such, and recommending that a fish chute be placed in the dam in Grand river at the point between the Fourth and Seventh wards.

On motion of Mr. Emmens the report was referred to the committee on roads and bridges and the supervisors of the Fourth and Seventh wards.

A petition was read from Ira Scott and others, asking the board to cause to be refunded to them an alleged excessive tax amounting to \$71.56, paid by them in the years 1899 and 1901 in the township of Verduennes, and on motion of Mr. Solomon the same was referred to the committee on rejected taxes and the supervisor of Verduennes.

On motion of Mr. Skeels all claims against the county now on file with the clerk and which may be filed today were referred to the proper committees.

Mr. Hyde moved that the prosecuting attorney be requested to give the board his opinion on the matter of re-registration of voters and the manner of procedure, and whether or not the board of registration has the right to register voters whom they know reside in the district over which such board has jurisdiction, when such voter does not personally appear to be registered. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Skeels the board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

A. W. WEEKES,
Chairman.

CORNELIUS L. HARVEY,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, October 25, 1922.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman. Roll called. Quorum present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Page, the same was placed upon the special order for tomorrow:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Kent:

Gentlemen—Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of salaries of the county officials, not fixed by statute, also the board and washing of the prisoners at the county jail, respectfully report that they have had the matter under careful consideration and herewith submit the following recommendations:

Superintendents of the poor to receive \$2.50 per day for time actually and necessarily employed.

Soldiers' relief commission, \$3 per day while actually and necessarily employed, and 6 cents per mile necessarily traveled in the discharge of their duties, the same to be audited by the board as other bills are audited and allowed.

Prosecuting attorney, \$1,000 per year and assistant prosecuting attorney, \$1,000 per year.

Circuit court messenger, \$1.25 per day, the same to be allowed by the board as other bills are audited and allowed.

As to the matter of the board of prisoners at the jail, we would recommend be allowed at 40 cents per day and parts of days at the same rate, and washing at 5 cents per day per prisoner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. J. ULRICH,
W. D. FROST,
L. C. WARNER,
Committee.

The committee on rejected taxes made a report relative to the amount of rejected taxes chargeable to the several wards and townships of the county and on motion of Mr. Loomis the same was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Emmens, Supervisor Watkins was excused from attendance for the day on account of his illness.

On motion of Mr. Jones the board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

A. W. WEEKES,
Chairman.

CORNELIUS L. HARVEY, Clerk.

A COMPARISON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Do the people who are clamoring for free trade ever compare the conditions of the past and present of this country with the one essential free trade country of the world—England? If not, it might be a good thing for them to do so. I have been looking into the question a little of late and comparing the conditions in this country and in free trade Great Britain. Here are some of the things which I find:

The annual tax collected from the people by the government of free trade Great Britain is \$12.60 per capita, while that of the United States is less than \$6 per capita.

The deposits in savings banks in Great Britain amount to \$180,000,000, or five dollars per capita, while those in the savings banks of the United States amount to \$1,633,079,794, or twenty-five dollars per capita.

The amount of money in circulation in Great Britain is \$17.90 per capita while the amount in circulation in the United States is \$23.52 per capita. Indeed there is scarcely a country of any importance on the map of the world which has as large an amount of money per capita as has the United States.

The national debt of Great Britain amounts to \$90 for each individual in her population, while that of the United States amounts to \$133 for each individual. The annual interest charge upon the public debt in Great Britain is \$8.25 per capita; the annual interest charge upon the public debt in the United States is 35 cents per capita.

Great Britain, under her free trade system, has decreased her public debt in the last thirty-five years \$629,000,000; the United States, under protection, has decreased her public debt in twenty-five years \$1,501,000,000.

In free trade Great Britain there is 1 pauper for every 39 individuals, and 1 person in every 12 receives more or less parish support; in protective United States there is 1 pauper for every 643 inhabitants.

The "balance of trade" is hundreds of millions of dollars against Great Britain every year. Under her vaunted free trade she imports vastly more than she sells. Her exports last year amounted to \$1,300,000,000 in round numbers, and her imports amounted to \$2,100,000,000, making a balance on the "wrong side of the ledger" of \$800,000,000. Our exports last year were \$1,029,553,626, and our imports were \$927,391,284, thus giving us a balance of \$102,162,342 on the "right side of the ledger."

The balance of trade was \$900,000,000 against free trade Great Britain last year, while it was \$200,000,000 in favor of protected United States.

In the last ten years our exports have exceeded our imports by \$706,283,314. In that time the exports of Great Britain have fallen \$5,515,000,000 below her imports. In other words, in the decade just ended protective United States has a balance of over \$700,000,000 on the right side of the ledger, while free trade Great Britain, whose "commerce rules the world," shows \$5,515,000,000 on the wrong side of the ledger.

In free trade Great Britain bricklayers get \$1.17 per day; in protective United States, \$3 per day; carpenters in Great Britain get \$1.28 per day; in the United States, \$3.30 per day; in free trade Great Britain engineers get \$1.46 per day; in the United States, \$3.22 per day; in Great Britain machinists get \$1.30 per day; in the United States, \$3.50 per day; in Great Britain compositors get 15 cents per thousand line; in the United States, 40 cents per thousand; in Great Britain shipbuilders get \$8 per week; in the United States, \$16.

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of our free trade neighbor. Our commerce is in infinitely better condition because we receive hundreds of millions of dollars more for our products than we pay out for the things we buy, while the reverse is true with Great Britain. Our public debt is less than one-sixth per capita that of Great Britain, while our annual interest charge is only about one-tenth per capita that in Great Britain. We have decreased our debt in 25 years 2½ times as much as Great Britain has been able to decrease her debt in 35 years. Great Britain has 1 pauper for every 39 persons, while we have 1 for every 643.

Our government collects from her people less than \$6 per capita of taxes; that of Great Britain collects from her people over \$12 per capita of taxes. The deposits in savings banks in Great Britain average \$5 per capita of the population; those in the United States average \$25 per capita of population. The money in circulation in Great Britain is \$17.90 per capita, while that of the United States is \$23.52 per capita. Wages in the United States are from 75 to 100 per cent. higher than those paid in Great Britain.

What good reason is there for desiring to exchange English free trade for the protection which gives us these conditions, which in every case are so much better than those of our British neighbor?

What business man is there who has seen his business grow up and prosper under the system which has been in operation in this country for the past thirty years who wants to endanger its steady progress by the adoption of a system which compares so unfavorably with our own in its results?

O. P. AUSTIN.



Mr. Cleveland's letter as a round whole is as impermeable and elastic as caoutchouc.—New York Sun.

Republican Tariff Good for Silver Miners.

Governor Prince, of the territory of New Mexico, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior says: "Mining has had its ups and downs during the year, but at present it is flourishing, and now that cheap Mexican labor has been got out of the way the miners receive fair American compensation for their work." The report adds: "It would be hard to imagine a case in which the present tariff has been of such immediate and obvious benefit as that upon silver and lead ores."

Every county, ward and precinct should have its "ballot school" established at once to familiarize Republican voters with the new ballot system. Every Republican should see that this is done, and done promptly. If you neglect it, the responsibility of defeat may be upon your shoulders.

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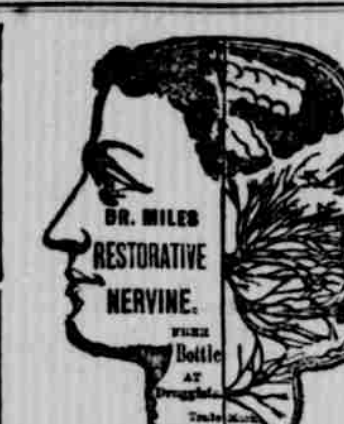
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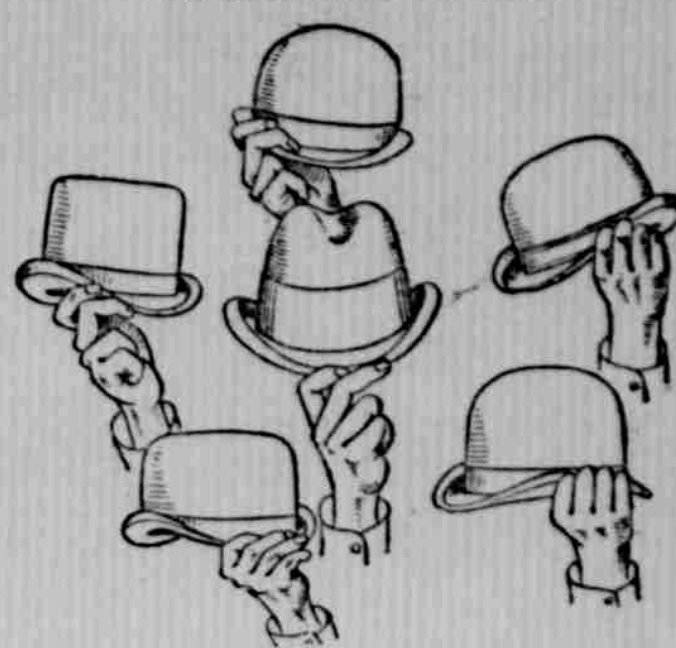
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